CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. A verification system comprising:

a) a GPS circuit to generate signals representing a geographic location;

b) means for connecting the system to a network;

c) means for connecting the system to a local computer coupled to said network;

d) a keypad having a plurality of keys;

e) logic means for:

i) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to said network and with said local computer;

ii) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;

iii) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by said GPS circuit to said host computer.

2. A verification system comprising:

a) a GPS circuit to generate signals representing a geographic location;

b) means for connecting the system to a network;

c) means for connecting the system to a local computer coupled to said network;

d) a keypad having a plurality of keys, each key having a changeable color or symbol;

e) logic means for:

i) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to said network and with said local computer;

ii) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;

iii) after a key has been depressed, changing a color or symbol associated with each of said keys based on said received key sequence;

iv) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key

sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by said GPS circuit to said host computer.

3. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

a) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to a network and with a local computer coupled to said network;

b) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;

c) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using a keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by a GPS circuit to said host computer.

4. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

a) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to a network and with a local computer coupled to said network;

b) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;

c) after a key of a keypad has been depressed, changing a color or symbol associated with each key of said keypad based on said received key sequence;

d) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by a GPS circuit to said host computer.

5. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said GPS circuit operates to communicate with GPS satellites and generate a latitude and longitude of said GPS circuit using signals received from said satellites.

6. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said means for connecting the system to a network comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

7. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said means for connecting the system to a local computer comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

8. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of keys comprises at least one LED.

9. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said logic means comprises a computer program executed by a processor.

10. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said GPS circuit operates to communicate with GPS satellites and generate a latitude and longitude of said GPS circuit using signals received from said satellites.

11. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said means for connecting the system to a network comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

12. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said means for connecting the system to a local computer comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

13. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein each of said plurality of keys comprises at least one LED.

14. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said logic means comprises a computer program executed by a processor.

15. The method defined by Claim 3 wherein if said determining step determines that said entered key sequence was not entered within said predetermined period of time, a message to that effect, said serial number and said geographic information provided by a GPS circuit are sent to said host computer.

16. The method defined by Claim 4 wherein if said determining step determines that said entered key sequence was not entered within said predetermined period of time, a message to that effect, said serial number and said geographic information provided by a GPS circuit are sent to said host computer.

17. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

a) communicating with a remote computer coupled to a network and with a verification system coupled to said remote computer;

b) receiving an assigned personal identification number entered by a user at said remote computer and verifying the received personal identification number is valid;

c) if the received personal identification number is valid, transmitting key sequence information to said remote computer for use by said remote computer and said verification system;

d) receiving entered key sequence information, a serial number and geographic information provided generated by said verification system;

e) validating the received key sequence information, serial number and geographic information by comparing the received information with expected key sequence information, serial number and geographic information;

f) accepting an entered wager if said received information is validated.